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	AY*	US-20030220641-A1	11-27-2003	Thelen et al.	
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	AD1*	US-3,514,791	06-02-1970	Sparks	
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	AY2*	US-4,624,254	11-25-1986	McGarry et al.	
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	AF4*	US-5,073,373	12-17-1991	O'Leary et al.	
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	AN4*	US-5,108,441	04-28-1992	McDowell	
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	AQ4*	US-5,123,906	06-23-1992	Kelman	
	AR4*	US-5,129,909	07-14-1992	Sutherland	
	AS4*	US-5,147,365	09-15-1992	Whitlock et al.	
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	AU4*	US-5,152,778	10-06-1992	Bales, Jr. et al.	
	AV4*	US-5,154,717	10-13-1992	Matsen, III et al.	
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	AB5*	US-5,171,276	12-15-1992	Caspari et al.	
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	AH5*	US-5,186,178	02-16-1993	Yeh et al.	
	AI5*	US-5,192,327	03-09-1993	Brantigan	
	AJ5*	US-5,197,968	03-30-1993	Clement	
	AK5*	US-5,197,971	03-30-1993	Bonutti	
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	AM5*	US-5,204,106	04-20-1993	Schepers et al.	
	AN5*	US-5,207,680	05-04-1993	Dietz et al.	
	AO5*	US-5,207,692	05-04-1993	Kraus et al.	
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	AT5*	US-5,263,498	11-23-1993	Caspari et al.	
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	AV5*	US-5,269,785	12-14-1993	Bonutti	
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	AC6*	US-5,295,994	03-22-1994	Bonutti	
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	AF6*	US-5,308,349	05-03-1994	Mikhail	
	AG6*	US-5,314,482	05-24-1994	Goodfellow et al.	
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	AF7*	US-5,484,095	01-16-1996	Green et al.	
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	AH7*	US-5,507,763	04-16-1996	Petersen et al.	
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	AO7*	US-5,545,222	08-13-1996	Bonutti	
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	AQ7*	US-5,549,683	08-27-1996	Bonutti	
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	AV7*	US-5,578,039	11-26-1996	Vendrely et al.	
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